



September  
2020

*Wise Words from Mrs. Brown:*

Dear New and Returning Families,

I would like to Thank You for making it possible for Covington Co-op Preschool to start another year. Our board members have been willing to work through the summer, everyone trusting each other (non-board members too) to make this a safe place to be.

So, HERE we go stepping into the unknown with some of us excited, some unsure, some maybe angry, some of us confused. The only thing we can be sure of during this school year - 2020/2021 - is that changes are happening. How do we feel about all this? What is our attitude? How are we influencing the children around us by our coping skills? Happy ~ Sad, and all the feelings in between? How are we going to help children to deal with their feelings? Whether it is a crisis, miracle or wonderment, what kind of social and emotional skills are we handing down to our children. What are they learning from us? How much do we like ourselves? Can we help ourselves and others walk through life with wonder and amazement?

In the book “**Sometimes I Feel Like a Mouse**” a children’s book about feelings **By Jeanne Modesitt**. She reminds us that:

*Everyone has feelings. There is no such thing as a right or a wrong feeling. All feelings are okay. Your feelings are your friends. It’s important to listen to them. What kinds of feelings did you have today? Of course, she is talking to children, but how often do we forget to see the world through the eyes of a child?*

It’s okay to be different it’s okay to have many different feelings. It’s what we do with those feelings that count!!!!

Please find time to write down the wonderful memories of this summer to bring to class so your child can share them with us this fall. It does not matter what you did as long as there was a feeling of love and specialness.

So, make sure you are taking many deep breaths and enjoying the newness of everything. It’s okay to be sad for the things we can’t change, but it is okay to be excited about the brand new challenges ahead of us too.

***WE DON’T NEED TO TEACH AS MUCH AS WE NEED TO SHARE IN THE  
JOY OF DISCOVERY***

Sincerely,  
Karen Brown



## Important Dates

Sept 14-Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: Class Parent Meeting (Zoom)

Sept 21-Sept 25<sup>th</sup>: 20 minutes visits with Mrs. Brown

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>-Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: First Days of School as follows

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> : FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Orange and Red Class

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> : FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Blue Class

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> : FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Yellow and Purple Class



## Class information

CLASS	AGE REQUIREMENT	DAY	TIME	TUITION
<b>BLUE</b>	2 yrs. old by Aug 31st	Tuesday	9:30-11:30 am	\$70
<b>YELLOW</b>	3 yrs. old by Aug 31st	Thurs & Friday	9:30-11:30 pm	\$ 80
<b>PURPLE</b>	4 or 5 yrs. old by Aug 31st	Thurs & Friday	12:15-2:30 pm	\$ 85
<b>ORANGE</b>	4 yrs. old by Aug 31st	Mon, Tues & Wed	12:15-2:15 pm	\$ 100
<b>RED</b>	4 yrs. old by Aug 31st	Mon & Wed	9:15-11:30 am	\$ 85

# **COVID-19 and Preschool**

Hello all!

We have been hard at work preparing for this next school year and navigating the many changes needed. We want to let you all know about the progress and decisions we have come to at this point. With that excitement of our preschool opening, we know many of you will have worries about the safety of your little ones. We want to assure you we are doing everything we can to ensure everyone's safety.

**We have made changes to class sizes, class schedules and how many classes we are providing.**

- Class sizes are now limited to 12 enrolled children.
- We have eliminated Green class.
- We have changed Purple class. Purple will now be Thursdays and Fridays 12:15-2:30pm. Purple class will be open to 4-5yo and will follow the curriculum of Red class.

**We are a closed campus.**

- The door to preschool will be locked from the outside. There can be no siblings at school. There can be no entering the building unless you are a working parent, Executive Board Member or Mrs. Brown.
- There will be some accommodating on Special Days to allow both parents to participate.

**We are adding many heightened cleaning measures, limiting and removing some play areas, toys, etc.**

- Room 3 will no longer be available to students to play. This is the office only with space for a little one to wait for a parent to pick up if they've fallen ill.
- Dress up is no longer available.
- Each class will have their own Mrs. Brown made play-doh and each child will have their own doh in a Ziplock with their name on it to limit touch/germ spread.
- There will be strict sanitizing measures taking place between classes, Mrs. Brown will be changing clothes between classes, there will be sanitizer and wash buckets in classes for the parents and students to use between activities.
- Windows will be open periodically throughout class time.
- Outside time is going to be longer than we have had in the past.
- Snack time: we will be washing hands before and after snack, each child will have their own plate of food in order to eliminate the sharing bowls, etc.
- We are still working weekly at school to remove actual toys that cannot be played with or sanitized. This will be completed in the coming weeks.!!

**We are no longer using church spaces.**

- The church library and bathrooms will no longer be used. The bathroom in room 4 is still available and will be cleaned after each use.



**We are requiring all working parents to wear face masks.**

- No face shields
- Children are not required to wear masks, but can should you choose that it be necessary for your family.

## **Drop off and Pick up**

**There is now a screening process at drop off.**

- There will be no entering the building until you have been through the screening process by your class chair or Mrs. Brown.
- The 3 working parents will park out front of the church/school. To the left, opposite side of lot from the basketball court. Please walk around to the patio and door where either the class chair or Mrs. Brown can help you with the screening process.
- Drop Off: All parents dropping off will park in one of the designated parking spots at the back of the church. Your class chair or designated parent # 3 will meet you at your car to go over a series of questions and take your temperature as well as your little one. Once cleared you will line up on the side walk with your little one and wait to hand off to Mrs. Brown who will be waiting at the door with smiles, sanitizer and a series of greeting options.
- Pick Up: Please pull into one of the designated parking spots and wait for one of the working parents to bring your little one out to you at your car.

\*\*\***Blue Class drop off will look different as every parent stay for class.**\*\*\*

Please note that this is a working model as CDC/State requirements are changing consistently. We will continue to communicate with our families, should there be any changes in the above-mentioned requirements or policies.

## **COVID-19 Board in the hallway**

There is a COVID-19 board in the hallway that has additional safety posters. Please free to check those out!!!!



# Sick Leave Policy

Your child's health is a matter of major importance to all of us. Upon enrollment, parents must provide completed registration and health forms. (Refer to Registration and Health sheets.) In addition, the State of Washington requires each child to have up-to-date immunizations.

If your child will not be coming to school because of an illness, vacation, or other reason, please notify the Teacher and Class Chair before class. This prevents delays in starting class. Since the tuition is based on a monthly rate, no refund will be allowed for any absences, nor will the child be able to attend a "make-up" class. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your class chair and they will bring your request up to the Board. Your child may be sent home if he/she appears to have symptoms of illness during class. In such cases, he/she will be immediately isolated from the others and a parent will be contacted.

## **When to Keep Your Child Home:**

1. If your child has a fever or has had one during the last 24-hour period. (Call the Teacher or Class Chair if you're not sure what to do.)
2. If your child is taking an antibiotic that affects their participation.
3. If your child has a cold that interferes with their full participation in school activities - including outdoor play.
4. If your child has a heavy or colored nasal discharge. (Usually indicates bacterial infection, requiring antibiotics.)
5. If your child has a constant cough not related to allergies.
6. If your child is fussy, cranky and generally not themselves.
7. If your child is just tired. Rest may prevent the development of serious illness.
8. If your child has symptoms of a possible (These are usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache and abdominal pain, plus a fever.)



# Fundraising News!!!!

## **“FUN”draising!**

Each of our awesome families has a \$100 fundraising commitment (\$150 if you have more than one child enrolled) each school year. This means you may pay the \$100 upfront and be done with it or choose to fundraise this amount during the school year. Your preschool board provides many opportunities which include: Believe (wrapping paper and gifts), fresh holiday greenery, See’s candy, Applebee’s breakfast, plant sale etc. Your class vice chair is responsible for communicating information about each of the fundraisers to you so be on the lookout for this valuable information! Your class vice chair will also let you know each month how much you have left to raise towards your fundraising goal.

Please let your class vice chair know if you have questions anytime about fundraising. Thank you, preschool families,! We look forward to another great year!

Your board vice chairs (and the fundraising ladies),  
Lindsey & Adena



To kick off the school year, we will participate in Believe Kids fundraiser. The Packets will be available at the 20 mins visits with Mrs. Brown. Online Shopping is as simple as going to [www.Shopfund.com](http://www.Shopfund.com) to register. This fundraiser runs until Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Families Earn 40% towards their fundraising commitments.

## **See’s Candy:**

See’s Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2020/21 school year. The bars sell for \$2.00 each and 50% goes toward your fundraising commitment! All boxes taken need to be paid for within 2 weeks of checking out. These are great sellers at family gatherings, workplaces, and other functions. Even better, the candy bars can be sold right away; no order forms nor wait time involved! You can pay for the bars as you sell!

## **Windmill Farms Greenery:**

You can order door swag, wreaths and poinsettias October 12-30th! We are excited to be getting the same high-quality products from Windmill Gardens again this year! Delivery will be the week of November 23rd. 30% of each order goes towards your fundraising commitment!



## Miscellaneous information:

**\*2.5-hour work commitment:** Our co-op school thrives on participation from our families. We ask that you help us by committing 2.5 hours working at various events/activities as needed by the preschool. Please note that this is MANDATORY!

### **\*Parent Educator / Family Support Specialist**

Due to COVID we are working to provide Parent Education within the guidelines of the CDC and State. We will notify our families once we have a plan.

**\*Donation Board:** Preschool needs your help stocking up on supplies for this upcoming year. List of donations needed is located on the balloon cutout on the info board the hallway. Please sign up and donate!

### **Amazon Smile**

Visit Amazon Smile at: [smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055) to link your Amazon account with Covington Co-op Preschool.

You can also find us by Googling Amazon Smile and searching for Covington Co-op Preschool from the Amazon Smile sign-up page.

This is a SUPER EASY way for families to have a small percentage of their Amazon purchases be donated to the preschool!

If you are shopping from an App, please check out with your browser at [Smileamazon.com](https://Smileamazon.com) so that the school gets credit for your purchases.

### **FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, based on where their customers tell them to give. All you have to do is link your Rewards card and use it when you shop at Fred Meyer!

- Sign up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program:
- Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Covington Co-op Preschool by clicking [here](#).
- You can search for us by name or by our non-profit number: 81776.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards card, you are helping Covington Co-op Preschool earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you do today.



Have you heard of the Koala (inaccurately, Koala bear)? This year Mrs Brown has chosen these adorable Koala as our mascot! ☺

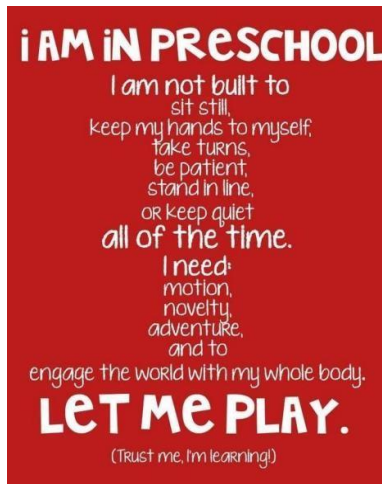
Koalas are marsupials, native to Australia.

Did you know:

- Koalas can only live in one place in the world, Australia.
- Koalas only eat Eucalyptus leaves and they eat so many leaves, they smell like the leaves.
- Koalas hop from **tree** to **tree** and climb the trees to get the leaves
- Koalas will eat 2.5 pounds of food a day







## Let's Meet Your Class Chair!

### **Blue Class**

My name is Jessica Koopmans and I will be the chairperson for blue class this coming school year. My husband and I have two wild little boys, Kayson just turned 2 and is joining blue class and Randy is 3 joining yellow class. This is my second year as a parent with the preschool and I am thrilled to be more involved! I come from a family of 6 kids and 4 of us had Mrs. Brown as our teacher so it was an easy choice to enrol my kids into this wonderful program. As a family we love to keep active by going on adventures outside, camping, walking our dog Frank, and riding bikes. We also love to sing and dance all day, imaginary play and to smash things (as long as it's soft). I am so excited to watch all the children grow and develop over the next school year!

### **Red Class**

My name is Nichole and I am the red class chair for the 2020-2021 school year. I have four kids ages 11, 8, 6 and 4. All of my kids have attended Covington Co-Op and I am sad that this will be our last year! My daughter Allia will be in red class along with your kiddos. I am looking forward to this year and navigating our new normal together.

### **Yellow Class**

Welcome Yellow Class. My name is Nicole and I am your Class Chair for the upcoming school year. I live in Auburn and have for 24 years. I have four children ages 23, 21, 16 and 3 (Elias). Elias was such a surprise to our family and every day I am so grateful he was given to us but parenting a younger child again has been challenging. I decided early on to seek out a Co-Op that had parent education to help me with those challenges. I was lucky enough to find our school and thrilled when I met Karen because I knew it would be a good fit for us. I am looking forward to the discoveries our children will make and the opportunity to learn from all of you.

### **Orange Class:**

Hey all! My name is Adena Pasibe and I am the orange class chair. I'm also the 2nd Board Vice Chair and help run the website and facebook :)

I am here to help you throughout this coming year and to answer any questions you might have. This will be my 7th year with Covington Co-Op! I have 4 munchkins and our little Ryan is the 3rd and final baby with Mrs Brown :) I know first-hand how very overwhelming this can be with all of the information you'll soon receive but just know that I felt the same way my first year. It will settle down, it will all start to make sense and a normal rhythm will quickly fall into place, I promise. I'm here, anytime, for you to come to. Let's have a great year!

### **Purple Class:**

Hello! My name is Renae Boyle and I am the Purple Class Chair and the Board Secretary, and this will be my second year with Covington Co-op. I grew up in the Kent/Covington area and graduated from Kentwood High School in 2004. Right after high school I went to Highline Community College where I got an associate degree in Education in 2008. I then went off to study Mathematics with a Business Minor from Washington State University where I graduated from in 2010. Shortly after graduation I got married to my awesome husband Chris in 2010, and in 2012 we welcomed our first daughter Elizabeth and later in 2015 we welcomed our second daughter Makayla. When I am not at the pre-school with Makayla or helping Elizabeth with online learning, I work at Snoqualmie Casino as a supervisor and I have worked for them for the last six years. I look forward to working with everyone at the preschool and watching our kids grow throughout this year. Thank you



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Teacher	Karen Brown	253-261-6248	<a href="mailto:jameskarenbrown@aol.com">jameskarenbrown@aol.com</a>
Teacher Assistant	VACANT		

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